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### **U.S. Support for Renovations at Primary School Krste Misirkov in Skopje**

Today, December 18, 2012, the USAID Interethnic Integration in Education Project, together with Primary School Krste Misirkov and the Municipality of Gazi Baba, celebrated the completion of renovations at the school. The process of refurbishment, financially supported by United States European Command (EUCOM) and USAID, created a better learning environment for interethnic integration in education.

"European Command is very proud to be a part of this USAID project, and most importantly, contributing to improving inclusive learning environments across Macedonia", said Lt Col Gershman "Integrated education helps to ensure that all children, regardless of ethnic group, receive a quality education that promotes respect for diversity and a stable, multi-ethnic environment."

The USAID Interethnic Integration in Education Project is assisting nine more communities and schools to improve their school facilities, including accessibility for students with disabilities. The project is a four-year, \$5.2 million initiative that is co-financed by USAID and the U.S. European Command, which will work with all relevant educational stakeholders in support of the Government of Macedonia's efforts for ethnic integration. The project will build awareness and provide diversity training, technical assistance, and incentives to school boards, principals, teachers, and administration officials. For more information please visit: [www.pmio.mk](http://www.pmio.mk)

#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested over \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is working with the people of Macedonia to create jobs, strengthen democratic institutions and practices, enhance integrated education, and prepare students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov> and USAID FB page <http://www.facebook.com/USAIDMacedonia>